

# ELGIN/NEW LEIPZIG PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #49

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Dear Parents/Staff Members:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted by Congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background, asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and Russia. Asbestos properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 3,000 different products made using asbestos material. EPA began action to limit the use of asbestos products in 1973 and most of the asbestos products as building materials were banned in 1978.

We have our facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector annually, as required by AHERA. The inspector locates, samples, and rates the condition and hazard potential of all material in our facilities suspected of containing asbestos. The inspection and laboratory analysis records are turned over to Survey, Management & Design, a professional firm certified to develop asbestos management plans.

We have an asbestos management plan for our facilities which includes this notification letter, education and training of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the asbestos-containing materials and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos-containing materials.

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours. Trio Environmental Consulting, Inc. of West Fargo is our Asbestos Program Manager.

We have implemented the asbestos management plan. We are intent on not only complying with, but exceeding federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We plan on taking whatever steps are necessary to ensure your children and our employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work,

Sincerely,

Daniel Ludvigson  
Superintendent  
Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

*The mission of the Elgin/New Leipzig Public School District is to provide a positive and safe environment that promotes lifelong learning to all individuals.*